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Letter dated 13 March 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 13 March 1991 by a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan on an additional contribution to the Gulf Peace Fund (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 153, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 13 March 1991 by a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan on an additional contribution to the Gulf Peace Fund

On Wednesday, 13 March, the Government of Japan extended an additional contribution of 1.17 trillion yen to the Gulf Peace Fund, which was set up by the Co-operation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) in order to support countries undertaking activities to restore peace and stability in the Gulf region in accordance with relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. This additional contribution is based on notes exchanged on 12 March between the Government of Japan and the GCC, and follows the contributions of 122.88 billion yen in September 1990 and 130 billion yen in December 1990.

The liberation of Kuwait has been realized, but the burden of the countries working for the restoration of peace and stability in the Gulf region is exceedingly heavy. The Government of Japan has extended this contribution, recognizing that it is indispensable for Japan to assume responsibility commensurate with its status in the international community and within the framework of its Constitution and that it should continue to contribute actively to international efforts for restoring peace and stability in the region.